

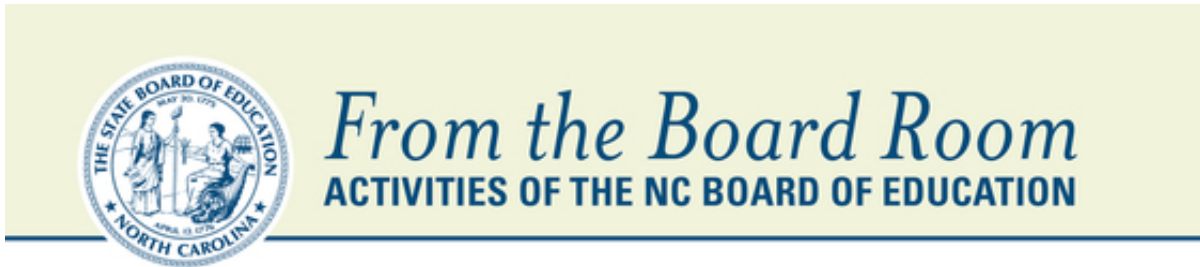
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The State Board of Education is comprised of the State Treasurer, the Lieutenant Governor and 11 citizens appointed by the Governor. This newsletter highlights the Board's activities on behalf of the 1.5 million public school students in our state and the more than 100,000 educators who provide services to children. You may view all State Board of Education member and advisor information [online](#). To access current and archived versions of From the Boardroom, visit the State Board of Education's [website](#).

K-8 Math Standards Revised; Classroom Use Begins in 2018-19 School Year

The State Board of Education approved revised K-8 Mathematics [standards](#) in June to go into effect for student learning in the 2018-19 school year. The new standards describe what students should know and be able to do in mathematics at each elementary and middle school grade level. The revisions went through three drafts and several rounds of feedback from teachers, college and university professors, and other mathematics experts, parents and the public. Based on feedback received, the new standards were edited to improve clarity, to strengthen connections to previous learning, and to better align standards at each grade.

Over the next year, Department of Public Instruction mathematics staff will provide information sessions for principals and professional development for teachers and local school district central office staff who supervise mathematics activities. Resources under development include collaborative pacing guides and instructional guidance documents. During this preparation time, NCDPI also will create new student assessments that are aligned with the standards.

School Construction Funding Update Provided

School construction and facility needs continue to be a major concern for North Carolina school

districts and communities. School facilities are generally the responsibility of local school districts; 96 percent of funds for school facilities are local funds, and state and federal resources provide 4 percent of the total funding needed.

Since 1995, 98 local bond issues passed with a value of \$11.29 billion, and 21 bond issues were defeated with a value of \$2.05 billion. Recent state resources include the Average Daily Membership (ADM) Fund, which last allocated funds in 2015-16 (\$1.6 million) and the NC Education Lottery, which allocated \$105 million in 2015-16. A Blue Ribbon Commission established by recent legislation recommended that the General Assembly should fund repairs and renovations (not just new construction), recognize hardships of rural communities in funding schools, and develop a uniform system to determine cost efficiency to build, lease or renovate state buildings.



Several bills have been introduced in the 2017 legislative session to address the issue of school construction, but the most successful attempt was the inclusion of \$30 million in the budget to provide local grants to districts based on need. The \$100 million lottery fund for school construction is still in effect.

New Charters, Lab Schools Approved

Charters to Open in 2018-19

Board members approved the following new charter schools to open in 2018-19:

- Anson Charter Academy (Anson County)
- Ascend Leadership Academy (Lee County)
- Bonnie Cone Classical Academy (Mecklenburg County)
- Carolina Charter Academy – A CFA (Wake County)
- Davidson Charter Academy (Davidson County)
- East Voyager Academy (Mecklenburg County)
- Essie Mae Kiser Foxx Charter School (Rowan County)
- Global Achievers School (Nash County)
- Moore Montessori Community School (Moore)
- Next Generation Academy (Guilford County)
- Raleigh Oak Charter School (Wake County)
- The Experiential School of Greensboro (Guilford County)
- The Paideia Academy (Cabarrus County)
- West Lake Preparatory (Lincoln County)

These schools now enter their planning year in preparation for opening for students in the Fall 2018.

Lab Schools to Open in Fall 2017

Two university-sponsored laboratory schools were approved in June to open in this fall. East Carolina University is sponsoring the East Carolina University Laboratory School within Pitt County Schools at South Greenville Elementary School. Western Carolina University will operate the Catamount School for Grades 6, 7 and 8 to be located at Smoky Mountain High School (Jackson County Public Schools).

These lab schools are being opened and operated under recently enacted law that allows for UNC-operated lab schools in school districts that have 25 percent or more of their schools identified as low performing.



STEM School Recognition

Three schools were recognized for their significant efforts and successes as STEM Schools. The schools and staff members recognized were:

- Hilburn Academy, Wake County Schools: Katherine White, principal; and Dr. Jim Merrill, superintendent – Model School of Distinction.
- Weatherstone Elementary School, Wake County Schools: Tim Chadwick, principal, and Dr. Jim Merrill, superintendent – Model School of Distinction.
- Hendersonville Elementary, Henderson County Schools: Kerry Stewart, principal, and Bo Caldwell, superintendent – Prepared School of Distinction.

National Adapted Physical Education Teacher of the Year

Lara Brickhouse, a physical education teacher at Lowes Grove Middle School (Durham Public Schools), was recognized for recently receiving the national Adapted Physical Education Teacher of the Year award. SHAPE (The Society of Health and Physical Educators) America sponsors this award. She will receive a \$1,000 stipend and travel the country at no cost to present on adapted PE during the next year.

SBE Highlights: A [checklist](#) of Board actions is posted every month at the conclusion of the meeting. The State Board of Education's next meeting will be held July 6 in the 7th Floor Board Room, Education Building, 301 N. Wilmington Street, Raleigh, NC. Board materials will be available [online](#) by clicking on the Meetings tab.



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